



August 31, 2015

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, MB Docket No. 10-71

Dear Madam Secretary,

On August 27, 2015, Barry Faber, EVP and General Counsel of Sinclair Broadcast Group and Rebecca Hanson, SVP of Strategy and Policy for Sinclair Broadcast Group met with Commissioner Pai and his interim legal advisor on media issues Alison Nemeth, and separately with Chanelle Hardy, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Clyburn. We discussed the role of the network non-duplication rule within the current fabric of programming contracts among networks and their affiliates. We stated that, on balance, keeping the rule in place would provide the most efficient enforcement mechanism for exclusive arrangements, by avoiding the cost, time, inconvenience and uncertainty of the courts. We also stated that the current proposal (as we understand it) to replace network non-duplication with private contract enforcement would take years to evolve into place, would ultimately not foster the FCC's goal of localism due to the length, cost and complexity of the courts, and would remain vulnerable to bad faith abuses by MVPDs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Hanson".

Rebecca Hanson
SVP, Strategy and Policy
Sinclair Broadcast Group

CC: Commissioner Pai
Alison Nemeth
Chanelle Hardy